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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: NOMINATION OF GHEORGHE BURLOI AS EDUCATIONAL
SPECIALIST

REF: 75 STATE 303151, 75 BUCHAREST 6578, STATE 014341

1. BURLOI ALREADY SCHEDULED BY MINED AND BOOKED FOR TAROM
FLIGHT ARRIVAL JAN 27, DEPARTING U.S. FEB 24 OR MARCH 2.
IN VIEW OF GOR'S PAST RECORD OF LATE, NOMINATIONS, SUDDEN
WITHDRAWALS, ETC., EMBASSY RELUCTANT TO JUGGLE DATES UNLESS
ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. REQUEST DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE BURLOI
FOR GENERAL BRIEFINGS AND WASHINGTON AREA SIGHTSEEING DURING
FIRST WEEK AND BEGIN SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMING WITH VPS AGRICULTURAL
SPECIALIST SECOND WEEK.

2. REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE ROMANIAN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETER SINCE
BURLOI'S ENGLISH COMPREHENSION AND SPEAKING ABILITY ONLY POOR
TO FAIR.

3. ADDITIONAL BIODATA TO SUPPLEMENT BUCH 6578:

PERMANENT AND EMERGENCY ADDRESS, 124-130 MIHAI BRAVU STRADA,
BUCHAREST. RECEIVED BA AND PH.D FROM INSTITUTE OF AGRONOMY,
BUCHAREST. HOLDS DUAL POSITION AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF
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PLANT BREEDING AT AGRONOMY INSTITUTE AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF

HIGHER EDUCATION AND SCIENCE RESEARCH AT MINED. PUBLISHED WORKS FOCUS ON PLANT GENETICS AND BREEDING. HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY ABROAD: PROFESSIONALLY IN USSR, PRC AND SWITZERLAND; AS TOURIST IN FRANCE, HUNGARY, MOROCCO AND ALGERIA.

4. BURLOI HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN TEACHING METHODOLOGY IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL, I.E.,6* HOW COURSES ORGANIZED, EXAMS GIVEN AND ESPECIALLY STRUCTURE OF WORK/STUDY PROGRAMS. UNIVERSITY PREFERENCES CITED IN BUCH 6578 BASED ON BURLOI'S GENERAL READING RATHER THAN ON SPECIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF INSTITUTIONS OR FACULTIES. EMBASSY SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT BURLOI ITINERARY SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY AND IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE MIGHT DISCUSS PROPOSED EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THOSE INSTITUTIONS AND ROMANIAN MINAG. DRAFT AGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED, BUT PROBLEM IS LACK OF UNIVERSITY MONEY TO SUPPORT PROGRAM, AND EMBASSY CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF MODEST SUPPORT IN FORM OF RECENTLY PROPOSED SHORT-TERM LECTURER PROGRAM. EMBASSY HAS SUGGESTED BURLOI DISCUSS MATTER WITH MINAG BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. AT EMBOFF'S SUGGESTION, BURLOI ALSO AGREED HE CAN PROFIT FROM VISITS TO RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES OF MAJOR AGRICULTURE MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS, AS WELL AS FIRMS PROVIDING ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FOR AGRICULTURE. FOR EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES BURLOI WOULD LIKE TO MEET NOBEL PRIZE LAUREATE GEORGE PALLADE AT YALE, SEE BROADWAY MUSICAGRN VISIT MUSEUMS, SEE GRAND CANYON.

5. ANSWER TO ITEM FOUR IN STATE 303151 IN SEPTTEL.
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